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SUBJECT: SAN SALVADOR MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT

1. AMBASSADOR AND ACTING DEPUTY CHIEF OF MISSION ON JUNE 22 PAID COURTESY CALL UPON NEW MAYOR OF SAN SALVADOR, HUGO GUERRA Y GUERRA. MAYOR RECEIVED US ACCOMPANIED BY INGENIERO MONTOYA WHOSE POSITION WAS DESCRIBED AS SOMETHING AKIN TO CITY MANAGER. BOTH OFFICIALS APPEARED YOUNG, SERIOUS AND ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT THEIR WORK.

2. IN DISCUSSING PROBLEMS OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION, THEY EMPHASIZED THAT NEW CITY COUNCIL IS DETERMINED TO GENERATE PUBLIC SUPPORT BY DEMONSTRATING ITS SERIOUSNESS OF PURPOSE. CALLED ATTENTION TO MEASURES ALREADY TAKEN LOOKING TOWARD GREATER CLEANLINESS, DECONGESTION, AND REMOVAL OF AMBULATORY AND SIDEWALK VENDORS FROM CITY STREETS. AS ANOTHER CONTEMPLATED MEASURE, THEY PLAN TO ASSIST IN ESTABLISHMENT OF ARTISAN AND HANDICRAFT INDUSTRIES AROUND PERIPHERY OF CITY WHICH WILL HOPEFULLY DECONGEST URBAN CENTER, PROVIDE MODEST SOURCE OF NEW EMPLOYEMENT, AND INCREASE VOLUME AND AVAILABILITY OF NON-TRADITIONAL EXPORTS.

3. AS A PROJECT TO WHICH THEY HAD OBVIOUSLY GIVEN  
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CONSIDERABLE ATTENTIN, GUERRA Y GUERRA AND MONTOYA SHOWED US PRELIMINARY STUDIES DONE ON POSSIBILITY OF RECYCLING SAN SALVADOR REFUSE IN SUCH A WAY AS TO IMPROVE DISPOSAL, RECOVER SOME REUSABLES, AND PERHAPS DEVELOP SOME NEW SOURCE OF ENERGY. NEXT STEP IS FOR FEASIBILITY STUDY WHICH US FIRM HAS OFFERED TO PROVIDE FOR SOMETHING OVER \$7,000. WHEN THEY EXPLORED USG WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST IN

FINANCING THIS, WE EXPRESSED SOME DOUBT THAT THIS WOULD BE POSSIBLE, AGREED TO CONSULT USAID DIRECTOR IN THE PREMISES, AND SUGGESTED THAT IDB OR CABEI FINANCING MIGHT BE MORE APPROPRIATE. (SHOULD THIS PROJECT PROSPER, HOWEVER, IT MIGHT COME TO OFFER AN INTERSTING TRADE OPPORTUNITY FOR SOME US EXPORTER.)

4. IN RESPONSE TO INQUIRY FROM MAYOR AND HIS ASSOCIATE, WE EXPLAINED THAT BOTH USAID AND PEACE CORPS HAVE CONSIDERABLE EXPERIENCE IN FIELDS OF MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION AND MUNICIPAL OR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT. WE ALSO IDENTIFIED INTERNATIONAL EXECUTIVE SERVICE CORPS (IESC) AS POSSIBLE SOURCE OF EXPERTISE OF INTEREST TO THEM.

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